

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Instead, Sinclair is dictating censorship, corporate political views, and propaganda, leaving viewers without a voice or a choice. This undermines the public's right to know, and it is a violation of the constitutional framework democratic "consent."

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. I intend to challenge the license renewal of WEAR channel 3 in Pensacola Florida if they cooperate with Sinclair's unethical programming dictates.